

Under Article 32.2 of *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases*, MAFRA intends to revise the import health requirements for hatching eggs as follows.

Import Health Requirements for Hatching Eggs

MAFRA Notice No.2016-000 (Day Month 2016)

Article 1 (Objective) The objective of this notice is to stipulate necessary conditions such as quarantine and animal disease-free situation in the exporting country with regards to hatching eggs imported to the Republic of Korea in accordance with Article 34.2 of *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases*.

Article 2 (Definition) The meaning of the terminology used in this notice are as follows.

1. “Hatching eggs” refer to eggs for breeding of chicken, ducks, geese, turkeys, quails, pheasants and wild geese.
2. “The government of the exporting country” refers to the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country.
3. A “veterinary officer of the exporting country” refers to the quarantine officer who serves as a government veterinarian of the exporting country.
4. “Highly pathogenic avian influenza” refers to a poultry disease that is classified as highly pathogenic in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE among the infections caused by influenza A viruses.
5. “Low pathogenic avian influenza” refers to a poultry disease that is caused by subtype H5 or H7 of influenza A viruses, excluding highly pathogenic avian influenza.
6. “Newcastle disease” refers to a poultry disease that is defined by the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE among infectious diseases caused by Newcastle viruses.

Article 3 (Condition for production) The hatching eggs to be exported to the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “the hatching eggs for export”) must have been originated from the exporting country.

Article 4 (Condition for being free of livestock diseases) ① The exporting country must be free of highly pathogenic avian influenza for 1 year prior to the export. However, in case the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea recognizes that the government of the exporting country is implementing stamping-out policy effectively, the period may be shortened in accordance with the OIE regulations.

② There shall have been no outbreaks of viscerotropic velogenic Newcastle disease within a radius of 10 km of the poultry breeder farm that produced the hatching eggs for export (including a storehouse of hatching eggs. Hereinafter applies the same definition) for 12 months prior to export.

Article 5 (Condition for the poultry breeder farm) ① During 1 year prior to export, the poultry breeder farm that produced the hatching eggs for export shall have had no clinical, pathological or serological evidence of lentogenic Newcastle disease, fowl cholera, pullorum disease, avian infectious laryngotrachitis, avian mycoplasmosis, duck viral enteritis (only for ducks and geese), duck viral hepatitis (only for ducks), fowl typhoid, Marek’s disease, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, avian encephalomyelitis, psittacosis, avian leukosis, reticuloendotheliosis, infectious bursal disease, chicken anemia agents, avian infectious bronchitis, fowl pox, avian tuberculosis, egg drop syndrome 76 and low pathogenic avian influenza.

② The poultry breeder farm that produced the hatching eggs for export must have been registered in accordance with the relevant regulations of the exporting country and have been under a regular monitoring of a government veterinary agency of the exporting country.

Article 6 (Condition for hatching eggs for export) ① The breeding flock that produced the hatching eggs for export must have been tested negative for the diseases listed in Appendix 1 in a laboratory approved by the government of the exporting country within 30 days prior to export.

- ② The number of samples needed for the tests in Article 6.1 follows Appendix 2.
- ③ Regardless of Article 6.1, the test requirements may be exempted if any of the conditions below are met.

1. The poultry for export are vaccinated for certain diseases listed in Appendix 1.
2. Freedom in the exporting country/region from certain disease listed in Appendix 1 is certified by the government of the exporting country and is recognized by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea prior to export of the hatching eggs.
3. For avian mycoplasmosis, pullorum disease and fowl typhoid, a negative result from a regular monitoring test on the poultry farm by the government of the exporting country is certified.

④ The hatching eggs for export shall have been examined by a veterinary officer of the government of the exporting country on the day of shipment and have been found free of any signs of infectious or contagious poultry disease.

Article 7 (Notification of disease outbreak) The government of the exporting country shall immediately suspend shipping of hatching eggs for export to the Republic of Korea when there is an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza and must notify the information to the government of the Republic of Korea.

Article 8 (Statement subject of health certificate) A veterinary officer of the exporting country must issue an export health certificate that describes minutely the following in Korean or in English prior to shipping of the hatching eggs for export.

- (1) Statements specified in above Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- (2) Number of tested poultry samples per disease in attached table in Appendix 1, collection dates of test samples, test dates, name of the laboratory (institution), test methods and results, or the reasons if the tests are not conducted.
- (3) If the breeding flock that produced the hatching eggs for export is vaccinated, date of vaccination, type and expiry date of the vaccine
- (4) Name, registration number and address of poultry breeder farm that produced the hatching eggs for export
- (5) Type (meat or egg), breed and number of the hatching eggs for export
- (6) Disinfection method, including name of the used disinfectant, place, and date of disinfection for the hatching eggs for export
- (7) Name of vessel or aircraft, date and place of shipment
- (8) Name and address of exporter and importer
- (9) Reference number of health certificate, date and place of issue, title, name, and signature of issuing government veterinarian.

Article 9 (Disinfection of boxes/containers) The boxes/containers for transportation of the hatching eggs for export must have not been used previously and clean, and must have been disinfected in advance with an effective disinfectant approved by the government of exporting country. The hatching eggs for export shall have been disinfected in advance with formaldehyde fumigation or a disinfection method approved by the government of the exporting country.

Article 10 (Transportation) During transportation within the exporting country and into the Republic of Korea, the hatching eggs for export must not be in contact with any other poultry, day-old chicks, birds or their products with lower health status. They must be transported in such a manner that will prevent contamination by any pathogens of infectious or contagious poultry diseases. They must not pass through areas where the government of the Republic of Korea has not permitted import of poultry, etc. during transportation to the Republic of Korea. However, simple stopover at port (airport) for fuel, etc. will be an exception.

Article 11 (Failure to pass inspection, etc.) During the import quarantine inspection of the hatching eggs for export by the government of the Republic of Korea, if any non-compliance with this notice or any notifiable disease of poultry is detected, the entire lot of the concerned hatching eggs may be sent back to their place of

origin or be destroyed. The export of hatching eggs from the same ~~that~~ poultry breeder farm to the Republic of Korea can be suspended for certain period.

Article 12 (Review deadline) The Minister of MAFRA must review the validity of this notice and take actions such as making improvement with a three-year interval starting from January 1st of 2017 (meaning until December 31st of the third year) in accordance with *the Regulation on Issuance and Management of Instructions and Rules*.

Addendum <No. 2016-000, Day Month 2016>

Article 1 (Enforcement date) This notice will go into effect on the date of its notification.

Article 2 (Interim measures) The health certificate form agreed by the exporting country in accordance with the “Import Health Requirements for Poultry (MAFRA Notice No. 2013-198, Oct. 7, 2013)” at the time of enforcement of this notice shall remain valid until an agreement is reached on a revised certificate form in accordance with this notice.